

Subject: Petalesharro (Pawnee Indian chief)  
medal

Spencer, Lillian White, Mrs.  
[Denver, Co]

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LILIAN WHITE SPENCER - 1490 STUART STREET - DENVER - COLORADO

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Mr Howland Wood,  
Curator, THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY,  
Broadway and 156th St.,  
New York City.

My dear Mr Wood,

on the 4th of May last, I received a very kind note from Mr E.K. Burnett Of the MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN, Heye Foundation, in regard to a query I put to him respecting the medal of Petah-la-Sharu. He mentioned your name and said the medal was in your Society's keeping, presented by the late John Sanford Saltus.

I received the interesting legend of this medal from a very old man in Columbus Nebr., the Pawnee sacrifice etc, with which I know you are familiar. Mr Burnett kindly set me right on the custodianship and the origin--a girls' school in Washington not Philadelphia. He said you might have some notes regarding the medal and it is in the hope that you have and will give them to me that I write. I have been very busy on other matters or I would have written to you at once. You have seen, no doubt, the letter I wrote to Mr Burnett with the legend and description and also the statement that it was sold for six hundred dollars to the Heye, which, of course, is wrong.

With my thanks and appreciation,

Very truly yours,

(Mrs)

*Lilian White Spencer*

July 9, 1936

Mrs. Lillian White Spencer,  
1490 Stuart Street,  
Denver, Colo.

Dear Mrs. Spencer:

I have delayed answering your letter as I was hoping to find the material you were asking about concerning Petah-la-Sharu medal. At the time of receiving this medal we had various information about it, both when it appeared in print and manuscript. This was put in a folder and filed away. Up to date we have been unable to locate this folder but we are still looking and if we find it I will communicate with you.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks